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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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7 CAROL DUNLAP,

Case No. 2:17-cv-00097-RFB-PAL

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

**ORDER**

10 WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, et al.,

(Mot. to Seal – ECF No. 28)

11 Defendants.

12 This matter is before the court on Plaintiff Carol Dunlap's Motion to Seal (ECF No. 28).  
13 This Motion is referred to the undersigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and LR IB 1-3 of  
14 the Local Rules of Practice. On August 10, 2017, the court held a hearing on Ms. Dunlap's Motion  
15 to Compel (ECF No. 27) and Motion to Seal (ECF No. 28). Present was Matthew Knepper on  
16 behalf of Plaintiff, and Jordan Arakawa on behalf of Defendant Experian Information Solutions,  
17 Inc. ("Experian"). The court has considered the Motion, Experian's Response (ECF No. 32), and  
18 the arguments of counsel at the hearing.

19 The Motion seeks leave to file under seal certain documents and exhibits referenced in the  
20 filings related to Dunlap's Motion to Compel (ECF No. 25). *See* Pl.'s Sealed Mot. (ECF No. 27)  
21 (attaching Exhibit A (ECF No. 27-1), Exhibit 1 (ECF No. 27-2), Exhibit 2 (ECF No. 27-3),  
22 Exhibit 3 (ECF No. 27-4), Exhibit 4 (ECF No. 27-5), Exhibit 5 (ECF No. 27-6), Exhibit 6 (ECF  
23 No. 27-7), Exhibit 7 (ECF No. 27-8), Exhibit 8 (ECF No. 27-9), Exhibit 9 (ECF No. 27-10),  
24 Exhibit 10 (ECF No. 27-11), Exhibit 11 (ECF No. 27-12), Exhibit 12 (ECF No. 27-13), Exhibit 13  
25 (ECF No. 27-14), Exhibit 14 (ECF No. 27-15), Exhibit 15 (ECF No. 27-16), Exhibit 16 (ECF  
26 No. 27-17)). Ms. Dunlap seeks leave to file the unredacted documents under seal based on her  
27 obligation pursuant to the Protective Order (ECF No. 12) entered in this case governing  
28 confidentiality.

1           The motion to seal states that Dunlap does not endorse a “categorical protection” for all of  
2 the documents Experian has produced in discovery. *See* Mot. to Seal (ECF No. 28) at 2. However,  
3 Ms. Dunlap acknowledges that some of the documents contain unique identifiers such as full  
4 financial account numbers and social security numbers, and these “have little relevance to  
5 prosecution of the case, and a potential for great harm if widely disseminated.” *Id.*

6           Pursuant to LR IC 6-1 of the Local Rules of Practice, parties “must refrain from  
7 including—or must partially redact, where inclusion is necessary—the following personal-data  
8 identifiers from all documents filed with the court, including exhibits, whether filed electronically  
9 or in paper, unless the court orders otherwise”: (1) social security numbers, (2) full names of minor  
10 children, (3) dates of birth, (4) financial account numbers, (5) home addresses, and (6) tax  
11 identification numbers. LR IC 6-1(a); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2.

12           Ms. Dunlap does not specifically identify which exhibits to her Sealed Motion to Compel  
13 contain personal data identifiers, and none of the exhibits are redacted to protect her personal data  
14 identifiers. Nevertheless, the court’s review of the exhibits reveals that Exhibit 2 (ECF No. 27-3)  
15 and Exhibit 4 (ECF No. 27-5) contain her personal data identifiers. Redactions are not practical  
16 for these documents and would leave meaningful information available to the public. *See Foltz v.*  
17 *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1137 (9th Cir. 2003); *In re Roman Catholic*  
18 *Archbishop of Portland*, 661 F.3d 417, 425 (9th Cir. 2011). The disclosure of Ms. Dunlap’s  
19 personal data identifiers may result in particularized harm; thus, the court finds good cause for  
20 Exhibits 2 and 4 to be sealed.

21           In its Response (ECF No. 32), Defendant Experian requests that the unredacted version of  
22 Dunlap’s Motion to Compel and Exhibits 5, 6, and 14 remain under seal. Experian also submits  
23 redacted versions of Exhibits 3 and 8 for the public record. *See* Redacted Exhibit 3 (ECF No. 32-  
24 4); Redacted Exhibit 8 (ECF No. 32-3). Experian provides a particularized showing why the  
25 unredacted Motion to Compel along with its Exhibits 3, 5, 6, 8, and 14 should remain under seal.

26           Having reviewed and considered the matter in accordance with the Ninth Circuit’s  
27 directives set forth in *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006),  
28 and its progeny, the court finds that the parties have met their burden of establishing good cause

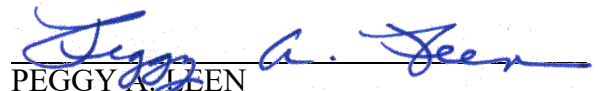
1 for the unredacted Motion to Compel and Exhibits 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 14 to remain sealed. The  
2 parties have narrowly tailored the sealing requests to the extent possible by filing redacted versions  
3 of the underlying motion as well as Exhibits 3 and 8. See Pls.' Redacted Mot. (ECF No. 25);  
4 Redacted Exhibit 3 (ECF No. 32-4); Redacted Exhibit 8 (ECF No. 32-3). However, no party  
5 offered particularized showing for sealing Exhibits A, 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, or 16, which are  
6 the parties' written discovery requests and correspondence. A blanket protective order is not  
7 sufficient to permit the filing of these documents under seal.

8 Accordingly,

9 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 10 1. Plaintiff Carol Dunlap's Motion to Seal (ECF No. 28) is **GRANTED IN PART AND**  
11 **DENIED IN PART.**
- 12 2. The unredacted Motion to Compel (ECF No. 27), Exhibit 2 (ECF No. 27-3), Exhibit 3  
13 (ECF No. 27-4), Exhibit 4 (ECF No. 27-5), Exhibit 5 (ECF No. 27-6), Exhibit 6 (ECF  
14 No. 27-7), Exhibit 8 (ECF No. 27-9), and Exhibit 14 (ECF No. 27-15) shall remain  
15 under seal.
- 16 3. The Clerk of the Court shall **UNSEAL** Exhibit A (ECF No. 27-1), Exhibit 1 (ECF  
17 No. 27-2), Exhibit 7 (ECF No. 27-8), Exhibit 9 (ECF No. 27-10), Exhibit 10 (ECF  
18 No. 27-11), Exhibit 11 (ECF No. 27-12), Exhibit 12 (ECF No. 27-13), Exhibit 13 (ECF  
19 No. 27-14), Exhibit 15 (ECF No. 27-16), and Exhibit 16 (ECF No. 27-17).

20 Dated this 22nd day of August, 2017.

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22 PEGGY A. GREEN  
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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